

For other categories of farmers, the financial assistance of Rs. 25,000/- per hectare or 70% of the cost of the sprinkler system per hectare whichever is less, is provided.

Statement

The Physical Targets for the Distribution of Sprinkler Sets Under Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) and National Pulses Development Project (NPDP) during 1996-97 (State-wise)

S.No.	State	Physical Targets Under OPP (Nos.)	Physical Targets Under NPDP (Nos.)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	4880	240
2.	Bihar	400	240
3.	Gujarat	1600	240
4.	Haryana	640	80
5.	Jammu & Kashmir	—	16
6.	Karnataka	800	400
7.	Madhya Pradesh	4960	1360
8.	Maharashtra	3200	800
9.	Manipur	160	—
10.	Orissa	400	400
11.	Rajasthan	4960	1280
12.	Sikkim	—	144
13.	Tamil Nadu	800	—
14.	Tripura	—	1200
15.	Uttar Pradesh	2400	—
Total		25200	6400

[Translation]

Loss of Livestock

3721. SHRI N.J. RATHWA : Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

(a) the loss of livestock in Gujarat particularly in the tribal and rural areas during the last three years till date;

(b) the nature of assistance sought by the Government of Gujarat during the said period; and

(c) the nature of assistance proposed to be given by the Central Government and the amount of assistance already provided to the State for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAGHUVANS PRASAD SINGH) : (a) to (e) The information is being gathered and will be placed on the Table of the House.

[English]

Clinical Drug Trials

3722. SHRI NAMDEO DIWATHE : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Government considers proposal to allow concurrent clinical drug trials" appearing in the 'Business Standard' dated February 24, 1997.

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the details of measures taken/under consideration to boost up investment in the drug industry;

(d) the details of strategies worked out for the promotion and development R&D in the drug sector; and

(e) the result of the action plan under implementation and funds likely to be invested in R&D in the drug sector for 1997-98?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There are no plans under consideration of the Government to allow clinical trials of the new drugs concurrently. However, clinical trials for new drugs discovered abroad for diseases prevalent in India may be examined for approval of clinical trials simultaneously in India in the interest of consumers benefit.

As regards anti cancer and other life saving drugs, drug rules under Drugs & Cosmetics Act 1940 prescribe that the requirement for submitting the results of local clinical trials may not be necessary if the drug is of such a nature that the licensing authority may, in public interest, decide to grant such permission based on data available from other countries. The anti cancer drug Gemcite for treatment of lung cancer was approved based on recommendation of Cancer Experts in the Country.

(c) to (e) Measures to boost up investment in the drug industry and strategies for the promotion of R&D in drug sector are given in "Modifications in Drug Policy, 1986"